



Iowa Volunteer Disaster Medical Assistance Team

- IA-DMAT provides support to overwhelmed local public health and health care entities during a public health emergency.
- IA-DMAT is modeled after the National Disaster Medical System's federal Disaster Medical Assistance Teams.
- IDPH trains, equips, manages, and maintains the IA-DMAT

IA-DMAT Capabilities

- IA-DMAT is comprised of physicians, advanced care practitioners, registered nurses, pharmacists and techs, respiratory therapists, paramedic specialists, and support staff.
- IA-DMAT provides an on-call team to respond statewide to a public health emergency.
- IA-DMAT provides medical care to disaster victims, staffs medical and special needs shelters, and can provide other public health services.
- The IA-DMAT goal is to deploy the team and necessary supplies within four-to-six hours of notification and provide services for the first 24 to 96 hours or until federal or other resources are on scene.

Volunteer Requirements

- Volunteers are required to maintain current certification or licensure, and maintain the ability to practice in Iowa.
- Volunteers should be willing and able to deploy anywhere in the state
- IA-DMAT requires training related to its unique activities. Additional trainings may be required for specific DMAT positions.
- IA-DMAT requires the following basic trainings:
 - IS 100: Introduction to the Incident Command System
 - IS 200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
 - IS 700: Introduction to National Incident Management System
 - Hazmat Awareness or Basic Disaster Life Support
- IDPH coordinates regularly scheduled required team meetings.

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